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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to go on record as supporting the settlement that has been reached between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. The settlement finally brings an end to the three-year-old antitrust lawsuit that has been partly responsible for the sharp decline in America's economy.

I can remember three years ago when the antitrust suit against Microsoft was first announced. The stock market and economy immediately started to go down, and now we are in the middle of a recession. I have no idea how economists working for the government did not notice the correlation between these two events. In any case, the settlement is fair. The increased information sharing and non-retaliation provisions should be enough to satisfy even Microsoft's harshest critics.

The settlement is the best thing that has come out of the antitrust suit between the Department of Justice and Microsoft, and I fully support it.

Sincerely,



Wanda Behrens

cc: Senator Byron Dorgan